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MADISON, Wis. Oct. 15, 1860.

To his Excellency, A. W. RANDALL,
Governor of Wisconsin ;

SIR—I have the honor to transmit herewith the Annual Report of the Board of Regents of Normal Schools, for the year 1860, as required by law.

I remain, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
SILAS CHAPMAN,
Secretary.

BOARD OF NORMAL SCHOOL REGENTS.

The following gentlemen composed the Board of Normal School Regents at the time of making this Report:

HIS EXCELLENCY A. W. RANDALL, *Governor, Ex Officio.*
HON. J. L. PICKARD, *Superintendent Public Instruction, Ex Officio.*
HON. WM. E. SMITH, Fox Lake, Dodge County,.....Office expires 1861
O. T. MAXON, Esq., Prescott, Pierce County,..... .....do.....1861
SILAS CHAPMAN, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County,.....do.....1861
HON. C. C. SHOLES, Kenosha, Kenosha County,.....do.....1862
JULIUS T. CLARK, Esq., Madison, Dane County,... .....do.....1862
Dr. L. H. CARY, Greenbush, Sheboygan County,.....do.....1862
HON. H. ROBINS, Platteville, Grant County,.....do.....1863
SIDNEY A. BEAN, Esq., Waukesha, Waukesha County,.. ..do.....1863
EDWARD DANIELS, Esq., Ripon, Dodge County,..... ..do..... .1863

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

HON. C. C. SHOLES, President.
HON. WM. E. SMITH, Vice President
SILAS CHAPMAN, Secretary.
HON. HENRY BARNARD, Agent of the Board.
PROF. CHAS. H. ALLEN, Assistant Agent.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF NORMAL SCHOOLS.

In presenting their Third Annual Report, the Board of Regents are enabled to present a more full and complete statement of the financial condition of the Institutions claiming a portion of the fund set apart by the legislature for the support of Normal classes, and also to give a fuller statement of the condition of the several classes examined by the agent of the Board.

During the past year a large number of Teacher's Institutes have been held in different counties of the State, by the agent of the Board, in connection with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, which have awakened a new interest in the cause of normal instruction, and shown most clearly the wisdom of the State in fostering this branch of public instruction. Uniform testimony has been borne of the usefulness of these Institutes, wherever they have been held, and the Board expresses the fullest confidence that the amount expended in holding these Institutes has been already returned to the State more than fourfold, by imparting new spirit to the teachers attending them, by the comparison of different modes of instruction and government of schools, by raising the standard of the school and the school teacher wherever they have been held, and by the actual infusion of new knowledge on the subject of teaching, to teachers themselves, by lectures and instruction of those conducting the Institutes.

It has been a great cause of regret that the agent employed by the Board has been so long prostrated by severe sickness, that the Board have not had the advantage of his personal advice and labors for most of the time for the past year. Yet we feel that this want has, in a great measure, been supplied by the energetic labors of the assistant agent, Prof. CHAS. H. ALLEN, whose labors have been prosecuted with vigor, and to whose untiring energy is owing the success of the County Institutes.

INSTITUTIONS REPORTING.

There are four classes of Institutions making report to this Board:

1. Colleges with a net property of $50,000;
2. Female Colleges with a net property of $20,000;
3. Academies with a net property of $5,000;
4. Union or High Schools, without any property qualifications defined, but being "under the control of any city, village, town, or district board of commissioners or trustees, or directors having control of the schools in said city, village, town, or district, according to the laws of this State."

Of these several classes, reports were received, and a portion of the fund allowed to the following Institutions:

COLLEGES.

Beloit College,	Beloit,	Rock County.
Lawrence University,	Appleton,	Outagamie County.
Galesville University,	Galesville,	Trempeleau County.

FEMALE COLLEGES.

Wisconsin Female College,	Fox Lake,	Dodge County.
Milwaukee Female College,	Milwaukee,	Milwaukee County.

ACADEMIES.

Platteville Academy,	Platteville,	Grant County.
Milton Academy,	Milton,	Rock County.
Albion Academy,	Albion,	Dane County.
Walworth County Institute,	Bloomfield,	Walworth County.
River Falls Academy,	River Falls,	Pierce County.
Richland City Institute,	Richland City,	Richland County.
Allen's Grove Academy,	Allen's Grove,	Rock County.

HIGH SCHOOLS.

Horicon High School,	Dodge County.
Kenosha High School,	Kenosha County.
Oshkosh High School,	Winnebago County.
Racine High School,	Racine County.
Janesville High School,	Rock County.
Fond du Lac High School,	Fond du Lac County
Beaver Dam High School,	Dodge County.
Milwaukee High School, No. 2,	Milwaukee County.

The following institutions also made report to the Board, but owing in some cases to the absence altogether of the normal pupils at the time of the visitation of the agent, and in others to an evident neglect of normal instruction, as shown by the results of the examinations made by the agents, the Board deemed it their duty to withhold from such any participation of the fund placed at his disposal. It would be unjust to these institutions to say that none of them has done any service in giving normal instruction, or that they had not given to our schools some efficient and able teachers. But in most of the cases, the teachers and those having the matter in charge had either so far misunderstood the requirements of the Board, or

been culpably careless in fulfilling those requirements, that the Board could not in justice grant them aid.

Carroll College,.....Waukesha,.....Waukesha County.
Mineral Point Seminary,.....Mineral Point... .....Iowa County.
Madison High School,.....Madison,.....Dane County.

The Board cannot but animadvert on the report from Mineral Point Seminary. There did not seem to have been a normal class organized with any efficiency whatever; the pupils, upon examination, showing that many of them had been made members of the class without due examination, some of them proving that their orthography had been grossly neglected, and others that if they had passed the examination with credit, as directed by the Board, had most wofully fallen off in their knowledge under the instruction given by the teacher. Their report was properly rejected by the Board.

Evansville Seminary, at Evansville, Rock County, made their report too late to be acted on favorably by the Board.

As this report is made before the expiration of the time named by the Board for institutions to make application, the names of such expecting to report for this year cannot be given.

The following Table exhibits the number of pupils claimed as having pursued normal studies according to the requirements of the Board, together with the number examined by the agent, and the number allowed by the Board, and the amount appropriated to each institution.

Name of Institution.	No. Claimed.	No. Allowed	No Examined.	Amount.
Beloit College,.....	55	25	13	$500 00
Lawrence University,.....	109	37	35	740 00
Galesville University,.....	12	4	*	80 00
Wisconsin Female College,.....	46	10	7	200 00
Milwaukee Female College,.....	39	5	8	100 00
Platteville Academy,.....	35	20	15	400 00
Milton Academy,.....	77	27	11	540 00
Albion Academy,.....	64	19	*	380 00
Walworth County Institute,.....	16	5	*	100 00
River Falls Academy,.....	14	5	†	100 00
Richland City Institute,..	10	3	7	60 00
Allen's Grove Academy,.....	46	8	31	160 00
Horicon High School,...	23	4	13	80 00
Kenosha High School,..	21	2	21	40 00
Oshkosh High School,.....	14	3	9	60 00
Racine High School,.....	42	27	40	540 00
Janesville High School,.....	22	7	*	140 00
Fond du Lac High School,.....	28	14	14	280 00
Beaver Dam High School,.....	9	2	7	40 00
Milwaukee High School,.....	11	5	9	100 00
	793	232		$4,640 00

*Not examined. † Examination papers not forwarded.

In reaching the result shown in the preceding table, reference was mainly had to the result of the examinations held by the agent, of the classes connected with the institutions. As this was the first examination uniformly held, many of the pupils were not present during the examinations; some of the principals not understanding that the result of such examination would influence the division of the fund. During the current year, due notice of such examination has already been given, and it is therefore hoped that the result will be a more complete index of the character of the classes. As the fund put at the disposal of the Board is intended for the encouragement of Normal instruction, it should not be wasted or fritter-ed away by encouraging the formation of classes where such instruction is inefficiently given, or totally neglected and the Board can find no rule more just than that which makes the standard of scholarship as exhibited in these examinations, the criterion of division.

The fund cannot be too sacredly guarded, nor the character of the instruction too rigidly examined into, if we would reap the greatest advantage to our common schools. The Board has reason to believe, that on the whole, the standard of scholarship has been raised in the classes, and that this test of merit, by examination has given general satisfaction.

Comparison of amounts received for the years 1857, 1858, and 1859, by institutions reporting for those years:

Institutions.	1857,		1858,		1859,	
	Pupils	Am't.	Pupils	Am't.	Pupils	Am't.
Beloit College.....	7	$2,130	45	$810	25	$500
Lawrence University.....	80	2,400	90	1,620	37	740
Milton Academy.....	79	2,730	46	828	27	540
Albion Academy.....	60	1,800	68	1,224	19	380
Platteville Academy.....	85	2,550	48	864	20	400
Wisconsin Female College.....	30	900	52	936	10	200
Milwaukee Female College. ...	.....	.... .	32	576	5	100
Kenosha High School.....	.....	.....	12	216	2	40
Walworth Co. Institute.....	.....	.....	15	270	5	100
Horicon High School..... ...	.....	.....	12	216	4	80

CONDITION OF THE FUND.

The amount divided for 1857 was $14,520, being in the ratio of $30 for each pupil. The amount for 1858 was $10,-152, or in the ratio of $18 for each pupil. The amount for 1859 was $4,640, or in the ratio of $20 for each pupil. It will be perceived that the amount divided for 1859 was less than one-third that of 1857. The reason of the rapid decrease of

the fund need not here be recapitulated. But in addition to the decrease of the amount placed at the disposal of the Board, a large portion of the fund has the past year been expended in holding County Institutes. and salary of the agents. Yet the ratio of division for 1859 exceeded that of 1858 by $2 for each pupil. This decrease has caused some of the Institutions to withdraw their classes from the care of the Board. It is believed that the lowest point has now been reached, and that with returning prosperity the amount placed at the disposal of the Board will again be on the increase. For a full statement of the expenditures of the Board, see appendix "A."

CONDITION OF INSTITUTIONS

REPORTING TO THE BOARD OF NORMAL SCHOOL REGENTS.

I. BELOIT COLLEGE.

FACULTY.

A. L. CHAPIN, D. D., *President;* M. P. SQUIRE, D. D.; J. EMMERSON, A. M.; WM. PORTER, A. M.; H. B. NASON, Ph. D.; J. J. BLAISDELL, A. M.; H. S. DEFOREST, A. B.

CORPORATE PROPERTY.

Fifteen 8-10 acres land in Beloit, estimated value		$25,000 00
Three brick buildings on the same, valued respectively $7,000, $7,500. and $5,500.		20,000 00
Library, consisting of 4.000 volumes		3,500 00
Philosophical and chemical apparatus		600 00
Cabinet—Geological and mineralogical specimens	$1,500	
Botanical do	500	
Zoological do	250	
		2,250 00
Maps, anatomical and geological charts		100 00
Bonds and mortgages considered good		63,732 00
House and lot in Beloit		1,000 00
Bank stock		2,000 00
Outstanding subscriptions considered good		8,500 00
Lands in Illinois and Wisconsin		10,000 00
		136,612 00

LIABILITIES.

Debts secured by mortgage on building and ground	$7,800	
Notes not in above	3,170	
Accounts	2,100	
		13,070 00
Total		$123,612 00

The money received from the Normal School fund for the year 1858, has been expended and is accounted for as follows: For payment of instructors in Normal Department, $810.

DEPARTMENTS.

The departments of instruction established and in practical operation are as follows:

1. *Normal Department.*—John P. Fisk, A. M., principal, assisted by A. L. Chapin, D. D.; H. B. Hason, Ph. D.; J. J. Blaisdell, A. M.; H. S. DeForrest, A. B.

2. *Collegiate Department.*—Instructed by the full faculty.

3. *Academic Department.*—In which instruction is given, preparatory to the collegiate course.

In addition there is a scientific course of English literature, mathematics and science, in connection with the collegiate classes. Students pursuing this course are classed with the Formal department, and are joined with those of that department in certain strictly normal exercises.

STUDENTS.

The whole number of students taught during the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1859, 167.

The academic year is divided into three terms, commencing respectively on the first Wednesday of January and September, and on the third Wednesday of April, commencement.

II. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

FACULTY.

Rev. R. Z. Mason, A, M.; Henry Pomeroy, A. M.; Rev. L. L. Knox, A. M.; Hiram A. Jones, A. M.; Ernst F. Pletschke.

CORPORATE PROPERTY.

Ten acres of ground in the village of Appleton, valued at.....		$10,000 00
One acre occupied by building for ladies department.....		2,000 00
University building of stone, 60 by 120 feet, five stories high Ladies building, irregular shape, average 40 by 70 feet, five stories high, wood. Value of both buildings (not separately given.).....		43,000 00
Library consisting of 3,529 vol's, estimated value.....		3,529 00
Library fund.....		10,000 00
Philosophical and chemical apparatus.....		1,480 00
Cabinet—1,500 geological and mineralogical specimens....	$500	
300 Botanical specimens.....	50	
50 Zoological....do.....	50	
		600 00
1 set each outline maps, ancient and modern.		
1 set astronomical maps.		
Bonds and mortgages considered good.....		15,350 00
Houses and lots.....		4,000 00
Land.....		62,371 00
		152,330 00

LIABILITIES.

Debts secured by mortgage on building and other property	$500	
Notes not included in above.....	6,000	
		6,500 00
Total.....		$145,830 00

The money received from the Normal School fund for the year 1858 has been expended, and is accounted for as follows: For payment of teachers in the Normal department $1,620.

DEPARTMENTS.

The departments of instruction established and in practical operation are as follows:

1. *Normal Department.*—Prof. O. W. Powers, John E. Daviess, Miss Mary Hastings.

2. *Collegiate Department.*—Instructed by the full faculty.

3. *Academic Department.*—In which instruction is given, preparatory to the collegiate course.

4. *Department of Industrial Science.*—This department embraces an elementary course of one year, and an advance course of two years. The advanced course is simply a thorough course of civil engineering.

5. *Ladies Department.*—Ladies may take the full college course, the same as required by gentlemen, and receive a regular Baccalaureat degree; or a course of four years, which omits the Greek, a portion of the Latin, and some of the higher mathematics, but requires in place of what is omitted, a knowledge of French, German, and some other studies, which are considered necessary branches of female education.

STUDENTS.

The whole number of students taught during the year 1859, was 298.

The academic year is divided into three terms, commencing respectively on the first Wednesdays of January, April and September. Commencement on the last Wednesday in June.

III.—GALESVILLE UNIVERSITY.

BOARD OF INSTRUCTION.

Hon. Geo. Gale, *President;* Samuel Fallows, A. M.; Wm. M. Young, M. D.; Lyman S. Cheney, A. M.; Moro. Kotinzer.

CORPORATE PROPERTY.

Two hundred and thirty acres of land in Galesville, valued at...		$11,500 00
College building,.....		9,500 00
Library, consisting of 485 volumes,.....		1,143 00
Philosophical apparatus,.....	none.	
Cabinet—Geological and Mineralogical,.....	$5 00	
Botanical, ...	none	
Zoological,.....	10 00	15 00
Maps and Engravings.....		16 50
Bonds and mortgages,.....	none.	
Houses and Lots,.....	none.	
Furniture,.....		255 00
Acres of land,.....		21,200 00
Subscriptions and accounts,.....		10,247 00
		$53,876 50

LIABILITIES.

Debts secured by mortgage on College building,.....	none.	
Debts secured by mortgage on other property,.....	none.	
Notes not included above,.....	none.	
Accounts,.....	$2,200 00	
Judgments,.....	none	
Taxes,.....	100 00	
		$2,300 00
		$51,576 50

This being the first Report, no money has been received from the Normal School Fund.

DEPARTMENTS.

1. *Normal Department*,—Instructed by Samuel Fallows, A. M.; Lucy B Hastings; Geo. T. Freeman; Geo. Gale; Lyman S. Cheney, A. M.

2. *Collegiate Department*.—No class had been formed in this department.

3. *Academic or Preparatory Department*.—Instruction given by the same teachers as the Normal Department.

STUDENTS.

The whole number of students taught during the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1859, was 40.

The academic year is divided into three terms ending, respectively, on the — of July, 12th of August and 21st of December.

IV.—WISCONSIN FEMALE COLLEGE.

BOARD OF INSTRUCTION.

Miss H. S. Scribner, Miss H. S. Reid, Miss Ada J. Alexander

CORPORATE PROPERTY.

Three acres of land in the centre of the village of Fox Lake,...		$2,500 00
College building 40 by 100 feet, four stories high, stone, and in good condition,.....		17,500 00
Library.....	none.	
Philosophical apparatus,...	none.	
Cabinet—250 Geological and Mineralogical,.....	$300 00	
Botanical, ...	20 00	
Zoological, ...	none.	
		320 00
Maps and charts, a few not prized.		
Bonds and mortgages,.....	none.	
Houses and lots,.....	none.	
Subscription notes considered good,.....		4,500 00
Furniture, Piano, &c., ...		2,500 00
		$27,320 00

LIABILITIES.

Debts secured by mortgage on building and grounds,.	$12,800 00	
Debts secured by mortgage on other property,.....	none.	
Notes not included in above,.....	1,200 00	
Accounts, ...	600 00	
Judgments,.....	none.	
		4,600 00
Total,.....		$22,720 00

The money received from the Normal School Fund, for the year 1858, has been expended, and is accounted for as follows:

To the Board of Instruction,.....	$800 00
To defray current expenses,.....	136 00
	$936 00

DEPARTMENTS.

The Departments of Instruction established and in practical operation are as follows:

1. *Normal Department.*—Miss H. S. Scribner.
2. *Collegiate Department.*—Miss H. S. Scribner; Miss H. S. Reid; Miss Ada J. Alexander.

The Collegiate Course covers three years, exclusive of the time devoted to the Preparatory Department.

3. *Academic and Primary Department.*—Miss Ada J. Alexander; Miss Janet McConnell.

STUDENTS.

The whole number of students taught during the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1859, was 142.

The academic year is divided into three terms commencing in January, May and September.

V.—MILWAUKEE FEMALE COLLEGE.

BOARD OF INSTRUCTION.

Miss Mary E. Chapin; Miss Caroline E. Chapin; Miss E. Watson; Miss Amelia Collins.

CORPORATE PROPERTY.

Lets No. 20, 21, 22, and 23, Block 68, corner of Milwaukee and Division Street, In the 7th Ward of the city of Milwaukee,.....		$18,000 00
Building of brick, two stories with basement, main building 40 by 70 feet; two wings, each 22 by 40—in good condition,.....		12,000 00
Library, consisting of 724 volumes,.....		937 00
Philosophical apparatus,.....		200 00
Cabinet—370 Geological and Mineralogical specimens,...	$50 00	
50 Botanical.....do.....	5 00	
150 Zoological.....do.....	15 00	
		70 00
Maps, charts, &c.,.....		71 25
Furniture,.....		830 25
Bonds and mortgages,.....	none.	
Houses and lots,.....	none.	
Land,.....	none,	
Railroad Stock, present value not estimated,.....		
		$32,108 50

LIABILITIES.

Debt secured by mortgage on building and grounds,...	$1,200 00	
Debt secured by mortgage on other property,.....	none.	
Notes not included in above,.....	none.	
Accounts,.....	none.	
Judgments,.....	none.	
		1,200 00
Total,.....		$30,908 50

The money received from the Normal School Fund for the year 1858, has been expended and is accounted for as follows:—

To the payment of the salary of the Teachers.

DEPARTMENTS.

1. *Normal Department.*—Miss Caroline E. Chapin.

2. *Collegiate Department.*—The collegiate course covers three years. At the end of the full course, pupils passing an examination receive a college diploma. The collegiate department is under the charge of three principal teachers, each of whom is at the head of a particular department of instruction and and responsibility. These departments are:

1st—Department of mathematics and natural sciences.
2d—Department of geography, history and mental science.
3d—Department of belles lettres, languages and composition.

STUDENTS.

The whole number of students taught during the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1859, was 121.

The academic year is divided into three terms, ending respectively in April, August and December. Exercises of the graduating class is at the close of the term in August.

VI. PLATTEVILLE ACADEMY.

BOARD OF INSTRUCTION.

J. L. PICKARD, A. M., Principal; C. W. PICKARD, A. B.; A. K. JOHNSON, A. B.; Miss F. S. JOSLYN.

CORPORATE PROPERTY.

Three acres of land on which the academy buildings stand.....	$2,000 00
One stone building 40 by 70 feet, three stories high.....	12,000 00
One foundation, stone.....	2,000 00
Both in good condition	
Library, 703 volumes.....	1,253 00
Philosophical apparatus.....	800 00
Cabinet—Geological and mineralogical specimens, ...	.....
Botanical specimens,.....	.....
Zoological spedimens.....	.....
Maps and charts.....	.....
Bonds and mortgages considered good,.....	.....
Houses and lots,.....	.....
Lands,.....	.....
	$18,053 00

LIABILITIES.

Debts secured by mortgage on the building and ground...	$5,000	
Debts secured by mortgage on other property,.....	....	
Notes not included in above.....	....	
Accounts	....	
Judgments	....	
		5,000 00
		$13,053 00

The money received from the Normal fund for the year 1858 has been expended, and is accounted for as follows:

Paid interest to State.....	$175 00
Paid interest to individuals.....	225 00
Paid teachers.....	464 00
	$864 00

DEPARTMENTS.

1. *Normal Department, pursuing the course of study prescribed by the Board of Normal School Regents.*—Teachers—J. L. Pickard, A. M.; Miss F. S. Joslyn; A. K. Johnson, A. B.

2. *Academic Department.*—The course of study embraces three separate departments: the English of three years, the classical of three years, and the Normal. Courses of lectures are delivered before all the classes during the winter terms. There are regular exercises in composition and declamation held each week in all the departments.

STUDENTS.

The whole number of students taught during the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1858, was 229.

The academic year is divided into three terms, closing respectively on the 23d day of April, 30th of June, and 21st of December. Examinations are held at the close of each term.

VII. MILTON ACADEMY.

BOARD OF INSTRUCTION.

Rev. Wm. C. Whitford, A. M.; Geo. M. Guernsey, A. M.; Albert Whitford, A. B.; Edwin A. Beckley; J. S. Rockwood; S. S. Walliham; Mrs. C. C. Whitford; Mrs. F. H. Rockwood; Miss J. F. Sallan.

CORPORATE PROPERTY.

Two acres of land in Milton, on which the buildings are situated		$1,260 00
One brick recitation building 40 by 44 feet, three stories high, in good condition. One brick building for dormitories 39 by 49 feet, four stories high. Both valued at		9,300 00
Library,		
Philosophical apparatus		286 00
Cabinet—150 geological and mineralogical specimens	$30 00	
Botanical		
Zoological		
		30 00
Maps, charts, paintings &c		135 00
Bonds and mortgages considered good	none.	
Houses and lots	none.	
Lands	none.	
Furniture, outbuildings, &c		931 00
		$11,932 00

LIABILITIES.

Debts secured by mortgage on ground and buildings	none.	
Debts secured by mortgage on other property	none.	
Notes not included in above	$1,410 00	
Accounts	3,190 00	
Judgments	none	
		4,600 00
		$7,342 00

The money received from the Normal fund for 1858 has been expended, and is accounted for as follows:

Paid teachers wages	$150 00
Paid for incidental expenses	57 00
Paid in liquidation of debt	621 00
	$828 00

DEPARTMENTS.

1. *Normal Department.*—This department has received instruction during the past year from all the teachers engaged in the academy.

2 *Academic Department.*—All the teachers named under the head of Board of Instruction have been engaged during the year, though some of them during only a part of the time. It is proposed to form a model class for the exercise of the students in the Normal department.

STUDENTS.

The whole number of students taught during the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1858, was 275.

The academic year is divided into three terms, ending respectively on the 23d day of March, 4th of July and 7th of December.

VIII. ALBION ACADEMY.

BOARD OF INSTRUCTION.

J. R. WILLIAMS, *Principal*; A. R. CORNWALL; B A. BARLOW; ELIZA POTTER; H. BABCOCK; J. W. WILLIAMS; Mrs. C. C. LIVERMORE.

CORPORATE PROPERTY.

Four 76-100 acres of land in Albion, on which the buildings are situated		$476 00
Three 19-100 acres, title not perfected		819 00
Two 1-2 acres held in trust for the academy		.....
One brick building 36 by 48 feet, three stories high. One brick building 36 by 60 feet, four stories high, with wing 20 by 30 feet four stories high, both in good repair and valued at		13,000 00
Library		.....
Philosophical apparatus		140 00
Cabinet—125 geological and mineralogical specimens	$10	
Botanical	..	
44 Zoological	60	
		70 00
Maps, charts, &c., no value given		.....
Bonds and mortgages		.....
Houses and lots		.....
Land		.....
Accounts		300 00
		$14,805 00

LIABILITIES.

Debts secured by mortgage on the buildings and grounds	$3,500	
Debts secured by mortgage on other property	374	
Accounts	300	
Judgments	125	
		4,299 00
		$10,506 00

The money received from the Normal fund for the year 1858 has been expended and is accounted for as follows:

Paid to teachers	$500 00
Paid in liquidation of indebtedness	724 00
	$1,224 00

DEPARTMENTS.

1. *Normal Department.*—In which instruction has been given by all the teachers.

2. *Academic Department.*—The academic course requires four years for its completion. The preparation of teachers is a prominent feature in the instruction given in the academy, as the institution was originally designed for this purpose.

STUDENTS.

The whole number of students taught during the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1859, was 238.

The academic year consists of three terms, ending respectively on the 15th day of March, 29th of June, and 1st of December.

IX. WALWORTH COUNTY INSTITUTE.

BOARD OF INSTRUCTION.

AUGUSTUS A. MORGAN; MARY MORGAN; THOMAS C. WILSON.

CORPORATE PROPERTY.

One lot four rods by eight in the village of Genoa	$200 00
One wooden building 30 by 40 feet, two stories high, in good repair	1,600 00
Library	.....
Philosophical apparatus	.....
Cabinet—100 geological and mineralogical specimens	.....
Maps and charts, (several reported, but no value affixed, worth probably $40.)	.....
Bonds and mortgages	.....
Houses and lots	.....
Land	2,500 00
Subscriptions considered good	1,400 00
	$5,700 00

LIABILITIES.

Debts secured by mortgage on buildings and grounds		
Debts secured by mortgage on other property		
Notes not included in above	$73 00	
Accounts	68 00	
Judgments		
		141 00
		$5,558 00

The money received from the Normal fund for the year 1859 has been expended and is accounted for as follows:

Paid teachers of Normal class	$180 00
Paid lecturers and for apparatus	47 82
Paid for books and maps	25 00
Paid for incidental expenses	17 18
	$270 00

DEPARTMENTS.

1. *Normal Department*—Gustavus A. Morgan, Thomas C. Wilson.
2. *Academic Department*—The academic course covers three years besides the time devoted to primary instruction.

STUDENTS.

The whole number of students taught during the year ending on the 31st day of Dececber, 1859, was 112.

X. RIVER FALLS ACADEMY.

BOARD OF INSTRUCTION.

BENJAMIN WILCOX, A. M.; ALLEN P. WELD, A. B.; EUNICE C. PRATT.

CORPORATE PROPERTY.

One and 6-8 acres of land (8 lots) in the village of River Falls on which the buildings are situated		$1,000 00
One frame building 36 by 56 feet two stories high finished and in good condition		4,700 00
Library		.....
Philosophical apparatus		226 00
Cabinet—100 geological and mineralogical specimens	$10	
Botanical	..	
Zoological	..	
		10 00
Maps, charts &c		39 00
Bonds and mortgages considered good		309 00
Houses and lots		.....
Land		.....
		$6,275 00

LIABILITIES.

Debts secured by mortgage on building and ground	..	
Debts secured by mortgage on other property	..	
Notes not included in above	..	
Accounts	$300	
Judgments	..	
		300 00
		$5,975 00

The money received from the Normal fund for 1858 has been expended and is accounted for as follows: None received.

DEPARTMENTS.

1. *Normal Department.*—Benjamin Wilcox, A. M.
2. *Academic Department.*—This department is under the supervision of the Principal, and is fully organized.

STUDENTS.

The whole number of students taught during the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1856, was 152.

XI. RICHLAND CITY INSTITUTE.

BOARD OF INSTRUCTION.

Rev. JOHN SILSBY; CAROLINE D. HUBBARD; JAS. S. ROBINSON.

CORPORATE PROPERTY.

One and a half blocks in the village of Richland City, and fifty-seven acres adjoining		.... ..
One frame building 36 by 26 feet, two stories high, for recitation		$1,000 00
One frame building 20 by 40 feet, two stories high, with wing 20 by 36, for boarding house. One frame dwelling house. All in good condition, valued at		4,800 00
Library		.....
Philosophical apparatus		25 00
Cabinet—Geological and mineralogical specimens	$10	
Botanical	..	
Zoological	..	
		10 00
Bonds and mortgages		.....
Houses and lots		240 00
Land		.....
Furniture		200 00
		6,275 00

LIABILITIES.

Debts secured by mortgages on academic buildings and grounds	$500	
Debts secured by mortgages on other property	..	
Notes not included in above	..	
Accounts	..	
Judgments	..	
		500 00
		$5,775 00

This being the first report no money has been received from the Normal fund.

DEPARTMENTS.

1. *Normal Department.*—Rev. John Salsby. In this department the studies laid down by the Board of Regents is pursued.

2. *Academic Department.*—The usual classical and English course is pursued in this department, which are common to institutions of this description.

STUDENTS.

The whole number of students taught during the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1859, was 90.

The academic year is divided into four terms ending respectively in April, June, October and December.

XII. ALLEN'S GROVE ACADEMY.

BOARD OF INSTRUCTION.

Rev. M. MONTAGUE; MARY G. SHERMAN; MARY DAVENPORT.

CORPORATE PROPERTY.

Two acres of ground in the village of Allen's Grove,.....		$500 00
One frame building, 20 by 40 feet, two stories high, in good condition,.....		2,500 00
Library,.....		.....
Philosophical apparatus,.....		.....
Cabinet—Geological and Mineralogical,.....		.....
Botanical,.....		.....
Zoological,.....		.....
Maps, charts, &c.....		.....
Bonds and mortgages,.....		.....
Houses and Lots,.....		.....
Land, 15 acres,.....		3,175 00
		$6,175 00

LIABILITIES.

Debts secured by mortgage on academic building and grounds,..		.....
Debts secured by mortgage on other property,.....		.....
Notes not included in above,.....	$800 00	
Accounts,.....	200 00	
Judgments,.....	.....	
		$1,000 00
Total,.....		$5,175 00

This being the first report no money has been received from the Normal Fund.

DEPARTMENTS.

1. *Normal Department.*—Rev. M. Montague; Miss Mary G. Sherman.
2. *Academic Department.*—The Academic Department is divided into English and Classical. The design of the Classical is to prepare students for College by pursuing the usual introductory studies The English course receives the pupils from the common schools, and covers also a course of higher mathematics and surveying.

STUDENTS.

The whole number of students taught during the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1859, was 137.

The academic year is divided into three terms, ending respectively in April, July, and December.

XIII.—HORICON HIGH SCHOOL.

INSTRUCTORS.

A. PICKETT, Miss C. M. PICKETT.

The law not requiring High Schools, under the direction of Boards of School Commissioners or Trustees, under the general school law, to report any corporate property, the usual form under the head of Corporate Property, is here omitted.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS.

About one acre of ground in the village of Horicon,.....		.....
Building of brick, 42 by 62 feet, two stories high, with basement, in good condition, and considered worth, ...		$9,000 00
Library,.....	none.	.....
Philosophical apparatus,.....	none.	.....
Cabinet,.....	none.	.....
Maps, charts, &c., not reported,.....		.....

The money received from the Normal School Fund, for the year 1858, has been expended and is accounted for as follows:

Teacher's wages in Normal Department,..... $180 00

STUDENTS.

The whole number of students taught during the year ending on the 31st day of December 1859, was 54.

XIV.—KENOSHA HIGH SCHOOL.

INSTRUCTORS.

T. J. CONNATTY, *Principal;* MARY B. PATTERSON; KATE E. WHEELER; CARRIE DURANT; PETER WOLF.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS.

The school lot is 12 by 16 rods, in the city of Kenosha.

Buildings—one 40 by 72 feet, and one 44 by 50 feet, both of brick; each two stories high above the basement; in good order, and well furnished, valued at,.. ..... $23,000 00

Library, 310 volumes,..... ....

Philosophical apparatus, valued at. 100 00

Maps, charts, engravings, &c. in value about..... 170 00

The money received from the Normal School Fund, for the year 1858, has been expended, and is accounted for as follows:

Expended for tuition in the Normal Department,..... $218 00

STUDENTS.

The whole number of students taught during the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1859, was 33.

XV.—OSHKOSH HIGH SCHOOL.

INSTRUCTORS.

SAMUEL D. GAYLORD, *Principal;* MISS MARY PARK.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS.

Two lots in the city of Oshkosh.

Building, two story frame, in good condition, with two school and two recitation rooms.

Library,. .. ..none .....

Philosophical apparatus,..... ... ..none. .....

Cabinet,..... ....none .....

Maps, charts, &c.,—two sets charts,..... .....

This being the first report, no money has been received from the Normal School Fund.

STUDENTS.

The whole number of students taught during the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1859, was not reported.

XVI.—RACINE HIGH SCHOOL.

INSTRUCTORS.

JOHN G. MCMYNN; W. E. BOWEN; CLARA STACY; ELLEN W. SPRAGUE.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS.

One acre of land in the city of Racine,.....	.....
The building is of brick, 50 by 75 feet, three stories high, in good condition, value not stated,.....	.....
Library, No. of volumes not given, valued at.....	$1000 00
Philosophical apparatus, "very little,"...	.....
Cabinet,..... .. ..none.	
Maps, charts, &c., reported, but no value given,.....	.....

This being the first report, no money has been received from the Normal School Fund.

STUDENTS.

The whole number of students taught during the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1859, was 196.

XVII.—JANESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL.

INSTRUCTORS.

Mr. LEVI CASS, *Principal;* Miss FRANCES BACON; Miss A. B. MORGAN; Miss CAROLINE LYNDE; Miss BELLA S. WEBSTER.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS.

One block in the city of Janesville, 16 by 22 rods,.....	.....
Brick building, 66 by 100 feet, three stories high, in good condition and valued at.	$35,000 00
Library,..... ....none.	.....
Philosophical apparatus, not reported,.....	.....
Cabinet,.....do.....	.....
Maps, charts, &c.,.....do.....	.....

This being the first report, no money has been received from the Normal School Fund.

STUDENTS.

The whole number of students taught during the year ending ,on the 31st day of December, 1859, not reported.

XVIII.—FOND DU LAC HIGH SCHOOL.

INSTRUCTORS.

Mr. E. C. JOHNSON, *Principal;* Miss M. L. MERILL; Miss S. S. FRAME.

The report from Fond du Lac High School gives no information of the condition of the grounds, building, library, &c.

This being the first report, no money has been received from the Normal School Fund.

The whole number of students taught during the year, ending on the 31st day of December, 1859, was 142.

XIX.—BEAVER DAM HIGH SCHOOL.

INSTRUCTORS.

N. G. HARVEY, *Principal.*

BUILDING AND GROUNDS.

One and three-fourths acres of ground.....	. . ....
Building of wood, 40 by 60 feet, two stories high, general condition good, and valued at.....	$5,000 00
Library, 70 volumes, valued at.....	45 00
Philosophical apparatus, valued at.....	99 00
Cabinet, none reported.....	..... .
Maps, charts, &c.,.....	40 00

This being the first report no money has been received from the Normal School Fund.

The whole number of students taught during the year, ending on the 31st day of December, 1859, was 385.

XX.--MILWAUKEE HIGH SCHOOL, No. 2.

INSTRUCTORS.

Rev. E. P. LARKIN, *Principal;* AUGUST KURSTEINER; Miss M. WHEELOCK; Miss A. E. MINER.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS.

Two lots in the 2d Ward of the city of Milwaukee.....	.....
Building, new, of brick, 45 by 78 feet, three stories high, with basement, and valued at.....	$25,000 00
Library, none except books of reference,.....	.....
Philosophical apparatus,..... .....none.	..... .
Cabinet,.....none.	.....
Maps, charts, globes, &c..:.....	297 00

This being the first report no money has been received from the Normal School Fund.

STUDENTS.

The whole number of students taught during the year, ending on the 31st day of December, 1859, was 158.

APPENDIX "A."

STATE OF WISCONSIN,

STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE, Madison, Oct. 11, 1860.

From the books of this office it appears that the following are the transactions in the Normal School Fund from June 1st, 1858, to Sept. 30th, 1860, inclusive.

C. H. PURPLE,
Assistant State Treasurer.

1858.	Normal School Fund.	Dr.	Cr.
June 1.	By amount transferred from Swamp Land Fund Income,	.....	$20,661 18
June 1.	For D. Y. Kilgore, appropriation,	$47 50	.....
June 1.	....J. G. McKindley,....do	27 00	.....
June 1.	.....do.....do	10 00	.....
June 2.	....M. P. Kinney.....do	29 60	.....
June 2.	.....do.....do	25 00	.....
June 2.	....Alfred Bronson,.....do	20 00	.....
June 2.	....N. H. Virgin,.....do	20 00	.....
June 8.	. .Edward Cooke,.... .do	45 00	.....
June 16.	....S. A. Bean,..... do	16 00	.....
June 17.	....Treas. Platteville Acad. apportionm't	2,550 00	.....
June 17.	....H. Robbins, mileage,	40 00	.....
June 17.	....J. T. Clark,.. ...do	20 00	.....
June 17.	....C. C. Sholes,.. .do	81 00	.....
June 17.	....O. T. Maxon,....do	72 20	.....
June 17.	....Silas Chapman,.do	60 00	.....
June 17.	....J. T. Clark, stationery and services.	30 00	.....
June 17.	....H. Robbins, mileage,	20 00	.....
June 17.	...Wm. J Smith,..do	17 00	.....
June 17.	....Treas. Carroll College, apportionm't	1,830 00	.....
June 17.	.....do...Wis. Fem..do..... do	900 00	.....
June 17.	.....do...Milton Academy,...do.	2,370 00	.....
June 17.	....Wm. E. Smith, mileage,	14 00	.....
June 22.	...A. C. Spicer, appropriation,	27 00	.....
June 23.	....Treas. Albion Acad. apportionment.	1,800 00	.....
June 23.	.....do..Wayland Univ.....do	540 00	.....
June 24.	....C. C. Sholes, mileage,	7 00	.....
June 24.	....Treas. Beloit College, apportionment	2,130 00	.....
June 30.	....Balance in the Fund,	7,912 88	.....
		$20,661 18	$20,661 18
1859.			
July 1.	By balance in the Fund,	.....	$7,912 88
July 6.	For Treas. Lawrence Univ., apportionm't	$2,400 00	.....
July 30.	....Bliss, Eberhard & Festner, aud	24 00	.....
Sept. 3.	....H. Robbins, mileage,	40 00	.....
Sept. 3.	....J T. Clark,....do	20 00	.....
Sept. 3.	... . .do.....do	20 00	.....
Sept. 3.	....Edward Cooke,.do	25 00	.....
Sept. 3.	....C. C. Sholes,...do	7 00	.....

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1859.	Normal School Fund.	Dr.	Cr.
Oct. 8..	For H. Robbins, mileage,.....	$20 00	....
Oct. 8..	....S. A. Bean,....do.....	16 00	.....
Oct. 8..	.....do.....do.....	4 00	.....
Oct. 8..	.....do.....do.....	4 00	.....
Oct. 5..	...L. H. Carey,...do.....	40 00	.....
Oct. 5..	.....do.....do.....	40 00	.....
Oct. 9..	....O. T. Maxon,..do.....	72 00	.....
Oct. 9..	....S. Chapman,...do.....	20 00	.....
Oct. 12..	....Edward Cooke,.do..	45 00	.....
Oct. 21..	....C. C. Sholes,...do.....	27 00	.....
Dec. 6..	....Wm. E. Smith,.do.....	34 00	.....
1859.			
Jan. 13.	....Silas Chapman,do.....	20 00	.....
Jan. 13.	....S. A. Bean,....do.....	16 00	.....
Jan. 17.	....J. J. Enos, appropriation,.....	8 00	.....
Jan. 22.	....C. C. Sholes, mileage,.....	27 00	.....
Jan. 22.	... E. Cooke,.....do.....	45 00	.....
Feb. 23.	....Silas Chapman,do.....	20 00	.....
Feb. 24.	....Edward Cooke,.do....	45 00	.....
Feb. 24.	....L. H. Carey,...do.....	40 00	....
Feb. 24.	....H. Robbins,....do.....	20 00	.....
Mar. 31.	By transferred from Swp. Land Fund Inc	.....	$8,714 03
Mar. 31.	For balance in the Fund,..	13,527 91	.....
		$16,626 91	$16,626 91
1859.			
Apr. 1.	By balance in the Fund...	.....	$13,527 91
Apr. 14.	For Silas Chapman, appropriation,.....	32 00	.....
Apr. 14.	....J. T. Clark,..... ..do.....	62 50	.....
Apr. 14.	....O. T. Maxon, mileage,.	72 00	....
Apr. 14.	.....do,.....do.....	72 00	.....
Apr. 14.	....S. A. Bean,.....do.....	16 00	.....
Apr. 14.	....Silas Chapman,.do.....	20 00	.....
Apr. 14.	....Wm. E. Smith,..do.....	34 00	.....
Apr. 14.	...H. Robbins,... .do.....	20 00	.....
Apr. 14.	....Edward Cooke,..do.....	45 00	....
Apr. 14.	Treas. Wal. Co. Institute, apportionment	270 00	.....
Apr. 14.	..do..Lawrence University, .. do.....	1,620 00	....
Apr. 14.	..do..Wis. Female College,.....do.....	936 00	.....
Apr. 14.	..do..Platteville Academy,.....do.....	864 00	.. ..
Apr, 14.	..do..Mineral Point Seminary..do.....	1,008 00	....
Apr. 16.	For C. C. Sholes, mileage,.....	27 00	.....
Apr. 16.	....Treas. Mad High Sch., apportionm't	252 00	.. ..
Apr. 18.	.....do..Milwaukee Fem Coll. do.....	576 00	....
Apr. 20.	.....do..Carroll College,.....do.....	972 00	.....
Apr. 21.	.....do..Milton Academy,,....do.....	828 00	.....
Apr. 21.	.....do..Wayland University..do.....	396 00	.....
Apr. 22.	.....do..Albion Academy,....do.....	1,224 00	.....
Apr. 28.	.... .do..Beloit College,.....do.. ..	810 00	.....
Apr. 28.	.....do..Kenosha High School,.do.....	216 00	.....
Apr. 30.	.....do..Horicon High School,.do.....	180 00	.....
May 2.	....Julius T. Clark, appropriation,.....	101 75	.....
May 31.	...Balance in the Fund,.....	2,873 66	.....
		$13,527 91	$13,527 91

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1859.	Normal School Fund.	Dr.	Cr.
June 1.	By balance in the fund.....	.....	$2,873 66
June 23.	For S. A. Bean....mileage.....	$16 00	.....
June 23.	For L. H. Carey.....do.....	40 00	.....
June 23.	For Silas Chapman...do.....	20 00	.....
June 23.	For Edw'd Cooke.....do.....	45 00	.....
June 23.	For O. T. Maxon.....do.....	72 00	.....
June 23.	For H. Robbins.....do.....	20 00	.....
June 23.	For C. C. Sholes.....do.....	27 00	.....
June 23.	For Wm. E. Smith....do.....	34 00	.....
June 29.	For Henry Barnard, agent, salary.....	368 67	.....
June 29.	.....do.....do....expenses. ...	250 00	.....
Oct. 1.	.....do.....do....salary.....	312 50	.....
Oct. 1.	..... do.... .....do....expenses.....	250 00	.....
Nov 16.	.....do.....agent Board of Regents	500 00	.....
Nov. 23.	For O. T. Maxon...mileage.....	72 00	.....
Nov. 23.	For H. Robbins.....do.....	20 00	.....
Nov. 23.	For Silas Chapman...do.....	20 00	.....
Nov. 23.	For L. H. Carey.....do.....	40 00	.....
Nov. 26.	For C. C. Sholes.....do.....	27 00	.....
Nov. 26.	For Silas Chapman, appropriation.....	70 00	.....
Nov. 26.	For Benedick & Townsend..do.....	46 50	.....
Nov. 30.	For Edward Cooke..mileage....	20 00	.....
Dec. 5.	For Silas Chapman, Teachers' Institute	100 00	.....
Dec. 6.	For Henry Barnard, agent...	500 00	.....
Dec. 20.	For S. A. Bean, mileage.....	16 00	.....
1860.			.....
Mar. 28.	For Henry Barnard, agent.....	174 00	.....
Mar. 28.	.....do.....do.....	312 50	.....
Mar. 31.	Transferred from swamp land fund inc..	.....	9,785 12
Mar. 31.	Balance in fund.....	9,285 61	.....
		12,658 78	12,658 78
April 1.	By balance in the fund.....	....	9,285 61
Apr. 11.	For H. Robbins....mileage..... ..	20 00	.....
Apr. 11.	For O. T. Maxon.....do..... .	72 00	.....
Apr. 11.	For S. A. Bean..... do.	16 00	.....
Apr. 12.	For C. C. Sholes.....do.....	27 00	.....
Apr. 12.	For Wm. E. Smith....do.....	22 00	.....
Apr. 12.	For Silas Chapman...do.....	20 00	.....
Apr. 12.	For Wis. Female College, apportionment	200 00	.....
Apr. 12.	For Lawrence University.....do.....	740 00	.....
Apr. 12.	For Milwaukee High School....do.....	100 00	.....
Apr. 12.	For Platteville Academy..... do	400 00	.....
Apr. 12.	For Silas Chapman, incidental expenses	210 00	.....
Apr. 12.	For Henry Barnard for Teachers Ins'te	500 00	.....
Apr. 12.	.....do.....salary.	312 50	.....
Apr. 12.	For Mil. Female College apportionment.	100 00	.....
Apr. 12.	For Janesville High School....do.....	140 00	.....
Apr. 12.	For Albion Academy.....do.....	380 00	.....
Apr. 12.	For Racine High School.....do.....	540 00	.....
Apr. 12.	For Horicon High School.....do.....	80 00	.....
Apr. 12.	For Fond du Lac High School.do.....	280 00	.....
Apr. 12.	For Kenosha High School.....do.....	40 00	.....

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1860.	Normal School Fund.	Dr.	Cr.
Apr. 12.	For Richland City Institute....do.....	$60 00	.....
Apr. 12.	For Allen's Grove Academy...do.....	160 00	.....
Apr. 12.	For Beaver Dam High School..do.....	40 00	.....
Apr. 12.	For Beloit College.....do.....	500 00	.....
Apr. 12.	For River Falls Academy.....do.....	100 00	.....
Apr. 12.	For Oshkosh High School.....do.....	60 00	.....
May 2.	For Milton Academy.....do.....	540 00	.....
May 4.	For Galesville University.....do.....	80 00	.....
May 7.	For Henry Barnard.....	500 00	.....
May 9.	For Walworth Co. Institute.....	100 00	.....
June 30.	Balance in the fund.....	2,946 11	.....
		9,285 61	9,285 61
1860.			
June 30.	For balance in the fund.....	.....	2,946 11
Aug. 14.	For Silas Chapman, for Teachers Ins'te	100 00	.....
Aug. 14.	.....do.....do.....do.....do.....	100 00	.....
Sept. 28.	C. C. Sholes.....mileage.....	27 00	.....
Sept. 28.	For Cha's H. Allen..agent, ...	300 00	.....
Sept. 28.	For H. Robbins.....mileage.....	20 00	.....
Sept. 28.	For Silas Chapman....do.....	20 00	.....
Sept. 28.	For L. H. Carey.....do.....	28 50	.....
Sept. 28.	For O. T. Maxon.....do	72 00	.....
Sept. 28.	For Silas Chapman...do.....	75 66	.....
Sept. 30.	For balance in fund.....	2,202 95	.....
		2,946 11	2,946 11
Oct 1.	By balance in the fund....	.....	2,202 95

APPENDIX "B."

COUNTY INSTITUTES.

To the Board of Regents of Normal Schools:

GENTLEMEN:—In response to your call upon me for a "Report of the County Institutes," I beg leave to submit the following:

In pursuance of the plan submitted in the last report from your agent, Institutes have been held during the past year at the following places. The first nineteen were embraced in the former report:

Place.	Commencing.	Durat'n.	Attendance.	Addresses.
Elkhorn, Walworth Co	Oct. 3, 1859	one week	175	5
Sheboygan, Sheboygan Co	Oct. 3, 1859	...do...	65	5
Waupun, Dodge Co	Oct. 10, 1859	...do...	120	5
Appleton, Outagamie Co	Oct. 10, 1859	...do...	75	5
Mineral Point, Iowa Co	Oct. 17, 1859	...do...	67	5
Richland Centre, Richland Co	Oct 17, 1859	...do...	60	4
Galesville, Trempeleau Co	Oct. 24, 1859	...do...	40	4
River Falls, Pierce Co	Oct. 24, 1859	...do...	70	4
Eau Claire, Eau Claire Co	Oct. 31, 1859	...do...	31	4
Baraboo, Sauk Co	Oct. 31, 1859	...do...	125	5
Milton, Rock Co.	Nov 7, 1859	...do...	225	6
Kenosha, Kenosha Co	Nov. 7, 1859	...do...	100	4
Beloit. Rock Co	Nov. 14, 1859	...do...	150	4
Madison, Dane Co	Nov. 21, 1850	...do...	129	4
Waukesha, Waukesha Co	.....	two days	100	3
Milwaukee, Milwaukee Co	.....	...do...	100	3
LaCrosse, LaCrosse Co	.....	...do...	35	2
Palmyra, Jefferson Co	.....	one day.	20	1
Oshkosh, Winnebago Co	.....	...do...	20	1
Prairie du Chien, Crawford Co	Mar. 22, 1860	two days	20	2
Richland City, Richland Co	Mar. 26, 1860	one week	35	6
Tafton, Grant Co	Apr. 2, 1860	...do...	40	4
Albion, Dane Co	Apr. 2, 1860	...do...	70	5
Horicon, Dodge Co	Apr. 2, 1860	...do...	75	6
Black Earth, Dane Co	Apr. 5, 1860	two days	50	2
Sheboygan Falls, Sheboygan Co	Apr. 9, 1860	one week	90	5
Waukesha, Waukesha Co	Apr. 16, 1860	...do...	100	5
Whitewater, Walworth Co	Apr. 23, 1860	...do...	125	5
Platteville, Grant Co	Apr. 30, 1860	...do...	95	6
Sparta, Monroe Co	May 7, 1860	...do...	75	5
Monroe, Green Co	May 8, 1860	three d's	30	2
Montello, Marquette Co	May 14, 1860	two days	35	3
Wautoma, Waushara Co	May 17, 1860	...do...	43	3
Stevens' Point, Portage Co	May 21, 1860	...do...	35	2
Waupaca, Waupaca Co	May 24, 1860	...do...	80	2
Berlin, Green Lake Co	May 38, 1860	...do...	50	2
Jefferson, Jefferson Co	May 28, 1860	...do...	60	2

"B."—*County Institutes*—continued.

Place.	Commencing.	Durat'n.	Attendance.	Addresses.
Hartford, Washington Co.....	June 7, 1860	two days	60	2
Galesville, Trempeleau Co.....	.....	.. do...	30	2
Delavan, Walworth Co.....	Aug. 20, 1860	one week	44	4
Watertown, Jefferson Co.....	Aug. 27, 1860	...do...	45	4
Burlington, Racine Co.....	Aug. 27, 1860	...do...	47	4
Manitowoc, Manitowoc Co.....	Sep. 3, 1860	...do...	55	4
LaCrosse, LaCrosse Co.....	Sep. 10, 1860	...do...	75	3
Prescott, Pierce Co.....	Sep. 17, 1860	...do...	45	4
Portage City, Columbia Co.....	Sep. 24, 1860	three d's	47	2
Madison, Dane Co	Apr. 11, 1860	four w'ks	40	*
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From the foregoing it will be seen that during the past year there have been held forty-seven Institutes, reaching thirty-one different counties of the State, convening three thousand four hundred and forty-six teachers and persons interested in the cause of education, for from two days to four weeks, to advise, compare experiences, and receive and impart instruction. In connection with these Institutes there have been delivered one hundred and seventy-one public addresses, in the localities where held, and other addresses at contiguous points and places passed in going to and from the sessions, swelling the number to more than two hundred. These addresses have reached, at a low estimate, six or seven thousand parents and patrons of schools, making an aggregate of more than ten thousand persons, directly interested in the subject of public instruction, who have been reached by this agency. It is believed that this aggregate is made low enough to cover deductions for those who have in the several localities, attended two or more sessions.

The Institutes have been universally well received, having had the hearty co-operation of the principal teachers and friends of education, in localities where held; of the press which has freely opened its columns to the publication of calls, notices and proceedings, and in all cases, save one or two, spoken in the highest terms of commendation of their usefulness and efficiency; of parents and patrons of schools who have, in every place, freely opened their houses for the entertainment of those assembled: of school officers, who have, in many cases, at great personal sacrifices, attended the entire sessions, for the purpose of seeing, as one well expressed it, "who is to teach our chil-

*The lectures of this course were by the Professors of the State University, upon special topics to teachers, and not of the nature of public educational addresses.

dren," and for the further purpose of engaging from the working ranks their supply of teachers;—and of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who has united appointments with your agency, thus rendering valuable aid, in conducting Institutes, as well as public addresses.

The results which have followed have been of the most satisfactory kind. New life has been given to the school system of the State. Teachers have been led to think, to set their mark higher, and to strive to qualify themselves better for the responsibilities which rest upon them. Patrons of schools have been led to know better what good schools are, and how they are to be attained. Union districts have been formed, graded schools established, and the demand for good, well qualified teachers, greatly increased. In the schools, new, and it is to be hoped more rational methods of instruction have been adopted, in place of the old time worn "rote" system. Nor has this influence been confined to those immediate localities where Institutes have been held. Said an eminent instructor, and close observer, "I do not believe there is a single school, in the counties where Institutes have been held, which is not taught better now than heretofore." It is true, not much instruction can be given, in a session of from two to five days, but it has been the aim of those having the session in charge, to reach, by suggestive hints, the immediate wants of those assembled, and to leave behind thought seeds, that would continue to grow. Thus, at each session, the teachers are urged to present for discussion and elucidation, their perplexities and wants, and those topics upon which they feel a peculiar interest. In this manner, several thousand questions, each reaching the individual wants of some of those assembled, have been satisfactorily disposed of. These discussions, when conducted in the right spirit, can but be productive of great good.

The demand for Institutes has been greater than the supply. Few localities, where one has been held, severe as the tax upon hospitality has sometimes been, but would gladly welcome another session. Upon the part of teachers, there is a desire for longer sessions. This desire will find its satisfaction only when we shall have well established Normal Schools. The appointments for the present year continne through until December 15, making fourteen more session than here reported.

Owing to the illness of your agent, Dr. Barnard, and his consequent absence from the State, (during a part of the year) the entire scheme presented in the last report to you, has not been carried out. It is to be hoped that another year may bring about much greater results than those which we now see.

In the next series of Institutes, it will be necessary to provide a corps of instructors sufficient to admit of grading an Institute into at least two classes,—one class composed of those who have previously attended one or more sessions, and the other, those who need to go over the same ground that has been traversed in thr past sessions. It would be well also to provide for the issuing of "Recommendatory Certificates," to those teachers who attend, promptly, the sessions held, as those having the employing of teachers have already learned, that other things being equal, teachers who have attended Institutes teach far better than those who have not availed themselves of this means of improvement.

In conclusion, public acknowledgements are due, to the several local committees, whose untiring labors have secured the necessary preparations to make our meetings pleasant, and to Hon. J. L. Pickard and A. J. Craig, of the Superintendent's Department, J. B. Pradt of the Journal of Education, and scores of teachers in different parts of the State, who have contributed to make them both pleasant and profitable. With this co-operation, Institutes cannot fail of being successful, without it their failure would be equally certain.

Very respectfully yours,

CHAS. H. ALLEN.